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SUBJ: NASA EXCESS VEHICLES

REF: A) STATE 189865; B) 77 STATE 301933; C) STATE 186410;
D) ANT 01351; E) 77 AND 843; F) 77 STATE 301933;
G) STATE 306841

1. HAVE TAKEN NO ACTION REGARDING SUBJECT VEHICLES. I
HAD HOPED, AFTER MY MEETING AT NASA ON JANUARY 17,
THAT WE HAD REASONABLE CHANCE OF MAKING PROGRESS ON OVER-
ALL SETTLEMENT BY THE SUBMISSION TO MALAGASY GOVERNMENT
OF LIST OF SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT TO REVERT TO MALAGASY IF
A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT WERE REACHED. ANTICIPATING
EARLY RECEIPT OF THIS LIST, I DID NOT WANT TO DEAL WITH
THESE VEHICLES AS A SEPARATE SUBJECT AS I FEARED IT MIGHT
MUDDY WATERS AND JEOPARDIZE PROSPECTS FOR AN OVERALL
SETTLEMENT.

2. SINCE NASA NOW DOES NOT WANT TO SUBMIT SUCH A LIST
(REF C), WE EFFECTIVELY DO NOT HAVE ANY NEW INITIATIVES TO
MAKE TOWARD A SETTLEMENT. I AM STILL WAITING FOR
PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT SOLOFOSON TO CONTACT ME AS HE HAD
SAID HE WOULD DO WHEN WE MET ON JULY 14 (REF D). POSSIBLY
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HE WILL HAVE SOMETHING NEW TO ADD TO MALAGASY
POSITION WHICH WILL PERMIT PROGRESS TOWARD A SETTLEMENT.

3. I PROPOSE TO DO NOTHING ABOUT VEHICLES IN
QUESTION UNTIL I HAVE HAD MY TALK WITH SOLOFOSON.
IF AT THAT TIME IT SEEMS THAT THERE IS NO CHANCE IN
THE PRESENT STALEMATE, I WILL THEN DEAL WITH THESE

VEHICLES AS A SEPARATE MATTER AND SEND NOTE ASKING
FOR MALAGASY AUTHORIZATIONS TO DISPOSE OF VEHICLES
AS PROPOSED BY REF E, MODIFIED BY REF F. I WILL, AS
REQUESTED BY REF A, SUBMIT TEXT OF NOTE IN ADVANCE
TO DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL.

4. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, SOLOFOSON HAS ANYTHING
PROMISING TO SAY, I SUGGEST WE HOLD OFF TAKING ANY
ACTION ON THESE VEHICLES WHILE WE EXPLORE NEW
POSSIBILITIES OPENED BY HIM FOR AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT.

5. HAVE NO RECORD OF RECEIVING REF G. PLEASE
RETRANSMIT IF PERTINENT.BARRETT

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